

Annotation

This bachelor thesis focuses on the role of marijuana use by people with a physical disability. Research suggests that marijuana may not only serve for recreational purposes, and its use can provide significant relief to the physically disabled, such as relaxing muscles during spasms. This topic is an integral part of the discussion on the medical use of marijuana and its legalization as such, which the author considers as still up to date. The aim of this thesis is first the theoretical introduction to the examined topic by the mapping method – distinction among marijuana species, specification of the studied group of people as marijuana users and at the same time physically disabled, describing the therapeutic effects of cannabis and outlining the current legal position in the Czech Republic and a number of other states. In the practical part, the semi-structured interview method was used for the research, which focuses on the reasons of the use of marijuana by the respondent, the role of his family and the environment in the intensity of marijuana use, and on the potential importance of legalisation marijuana for the respondent. The thesis provides a basic insight into the use of marijuana, knowledge on the positive effects of marijuana use by physically handicapped people, the relatively low influence of the family and the environment on the use because of the essential need, and opinions on the possible improvement of the social perception of cannabis use (especially for medical reasons) after its possible legalisation.